

# SIX WAYS TO MAKE LEARNING SCIENCE YEAR ROUND FUN

## 1. Study the moon:

- Read books about the moon.
- Use the moon to locate the sun at night.
- Learn the phases of the moon and why they happen.
- Learn the American Indian names for the phases of the moon.
- Look how the moon affects the water; observe the tides.

The moon can become much more than just a white thing in the sky.

## 2. Learn about meteors:

- Read books about meteors.
- Find out the difference between a meteoroid, a meteor, and a meteorite.
- Find out when meteor showers will occur, then go to a dark place (usually somewhere out of town) and watch them. These make great camping trips.
- Buy a meteorite; they can be found online at reasonable prices and will become a physical link between the child's mind and science.
- If you don't want to buy a meteorite find a nearby place to just look at them.

A good meteor shower will be an event that is never forgotten for someone who has never seen one.

## 3. Visit an observatory:

- Find a nearby observatory and look at heavenly bodies through powerful telescopes.
- Look online for local stargazer events; most stargazers are happy to show others what they see through their telescopes.

To see the rings around Saturn with your own eyes is nothing short of stunning.

## 4. Study rocks:

- Read about rocks.
- Go rock hunting and then try to identify the many beautiful rocks that you find.

Rocks provide a never ending source of enjoyment to those who can see their simplistic beauty.

## 5. Do experiments:

- Get a book of age appropriate science experiments and do them.

Hands-on science is a great way to engage the very active child.

## 6. Read:

- Science fact
- Science fiction
- Biographies of scientists.

Knowing about the lives of great scientists helps bring them back down to Earth and gives the reader the feeling that he or she can also do great things.